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— OF THE —

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CAHABA VALLEY  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

— HELD WITH —

Friendship Church, September 20th, 21st and 22nd. 1895.

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## ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES:

J. S. E. Robinson, N. A. Hood, P. S. Montgomery, S. J. Hare, J. A. Glenn, G. W. Lovell, J. E. Stevenson, Ashville, Ala.

A. P. Cobb, Hood, Ala.

J. C. Harris, J. W. Lawley, Moody, Ala.

M. F. Stone, J. C. Bice, J. Bowline, John Perry, Beaver Valley, Ala.

Paul Castleberry, C. J. Pike, R. C. Chaney, Easonville, Ala.

W. P. Lovell, Springville, Ala.

W. C. McLaughlin, Moody, Ala.

S. Archer, Fairview, Ala.

J. A. Owen, J. O. Layton, Ragland, Ala.

Levi Perry, Cook Springs, Ala.

## STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT SESSION:

### STATE MISSIONS.

J. C. Harris, J. M. Adkin, A. T. Sims.

### HOME MISSIONS.

W. P. Lovell, J. L. Mize, J. B. Hombs.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

J. A. Embry, J. A. Glenn, A. A. Hodges, M. M. Smith

### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

E. B. Moore, N. A. Hood, J. A. Inzer.

### EDUCATION.

E. B. Moor, J. A. Inzer, C. J. Pike, E. Drummond, Paul Castleberry.

### TEMPERANCE.

P. S. Montgomery, J. W. Ramsey, Jackson Whitfield, J. W. Almon, J. W. Partlow.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL.

G. W. Daughdrill, D. B. Moore, P. E. Wyatt, Emas Chapman, Giles Morgan, A. R. Wyatt.

### RELIGION AND ITS WANTS.

J. A. Glenn, Levi Perry, J. C. Bice, J. M. Bowlin, A. P. Cobb.

### DOCUMENTS.

J. W. Lawley, W. C. McLaughlin, John Perry, J. K. Allison.

# Cahaba Valley Association

## MINUTES.

BEAVER VALLEY, Sept. 20, 1895.

The Cahaba Valley Baptist Association met this day in its twenty-eighth session at 10 a. m. with Friendship Church, and was called to order by the Moderator. After reading the 123d Psalm, prayer was offered by Bro. Levi Perry. Letters were presented from the churches and read by Brethren P. S. Montgomery, J. A. Embry and Charley Lawley. Delegates were enrolled as follows:

Ashville—J. S. E. Robinson, J. A. Glenn, P. S. Montgomery, N. A. Hood, E. B. Moore, J. R. Neely, A. A. Hodges.

Union Springs—J. W. Lawley, P. F. Hawkins, W. W. Adkins.

Mount Pleasant—John Perry, W. H. Perrin, J. D. Smith.

Sulphur Springs—T. C. Harris, J. T. Sims, W. C. Fulmer.

Trinity—Upson Patmon, J. S. Dike.

Hebron—J. A. McDonald.

Cedar Grove—W. E. Elkin, Francis Moore.

New Hope (St. Clair)—N. A. Butterworth, J. W. Ramsey.

New Prospect—P. E. Wyatt, J. D. Morgan, F. M. Milam, E. M. Chapman.

Bethel—J. K. Allison, J. F. Wyatt, S. V. Hawkins, J. M. Adkins.

Gum Springs—A. P. Cobb, E. E. Jester.

New Lebanon—W. E. Lovell, J. F. Allison, J. W. Burroughs.

Beulah—R. H. Garrett, J. R. Dykes, J. S. Falkner.

Mt. Pisgah—C. J. Pike, J. E. Drummonds.

Greensport—L. M. Crump, J. D. Harris.

Cool Springs—L. D. Galbreath.

Friendship—J. C. Bice, W. P. Lovell, J. F. Mize, J. B. Holmes.

H. N. Hess, N. L. McKinney.

Union—John Wells.

Cane Creek—H. J. Moore, G. W. Row.

Rock Springs—J. C. McGill.

Reeves' Grove—A. B. C. Goode, D. L. Partlow, J. M. Alman.

Pine Forest—A. G. Nunnally, Theo. Teague, T. P. McCrory.

Cook Springs—Ira Perry, William Cook.

Eden—( ) McComb, G. W. Tayler.

Coal City—R. M. Alverson.

Pleasant Grove (Shelby)—W. J. Brasher, A. Y. Brasher.

Bethany—T. J. Dukes.

Hopewell—J. A. Thompson, S. J. Hare, G. W. Lovell, J. C. Williams.

Shiloh—T. J. Johnston.

Pleasant Site—J. L. Parker, W. S. Gardner, W. F. Wilder.

Adjourned to hear the introductory sermon, which was preached by W. P. Lovell. Text, Rev xxii: 14.

Adjourned one hour for dinner. Reassembled; prayer by A. P. Cobb. Proceeded to the election of officers, resulting in the election of J. S. E. Robinson, Moderator; G. W. Lovell, Clerk, and P. S. Montgomery, Treasurer. Report of committee on hospitality was read and delegates assigned to their homes. Order of business adopted as follows:

1, Devotional exercises; 2, reading of letters; 3, preaching introductory sermon; 4, election of officers; 5, call for petitionary letters; 6, received correspondence; 7, returned correspondence; 8, appoint committees to report during session; 9, report of standing committees; 10, special committees; 11, miscellaneous business.

Called for petitionary letters. Called for correspondence. Received J. H. R. Carden and son from Shelby association; J. M. Pressly from Birmingham association.

Bro. J. H. R. Carden suggested that the delegates extend the hand of fellowship to each other, which was done, after which prayer was offered by J. W. Lawley. Committee on devotion appointed as follows: Brethren F. M. Milam and S. B. Crow with deacons of Friendship church.

#### RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

Coosa River Association—J. A. Embry, P. S. Montgomery, J. C. Harris, J. S. E. Robinson, J. W. Lawley, J. W. Perry, J. D. Smith, J. M. Adkins.

Shelby Association—R. H. Sherrett, W. M. Bradshaw, J. R. Dykes, J. S. Dykes, J. C. Bice.

Birmingham Association—J. C. Harris, J. W. Lawley, J. M. Adkins, J. A. Glenn, J. F. Wyatt, J. K. Allison.

Etowah Association—J. S. E. Robinson, P. S. Montgomery, S. J. Hare, W. P. Lovell, A. L. McBrayer, G. W. Lovell.

Calhoun Association—J. A. Glenn, G. W. Lovell, A. G. Nunnally, P. S. Montgomery, A. B. C. Goode, Upton Patton.

Warrior Association—J. W. Lawley.

State Convention—J. S. E. Robinson, J. A. Glenn, P. S. Montgomery, G. W. Lovell, C. J. Pike, J. W. Lawley, J. C. Harris, W. P. Lovell.

Appointed committee on finance as follows: J. A. Thompson, A. A. Hodges, P. F. Hawkins, A. G. Nunnally, W. E. Lovell.

Appointed committee on nominations as follows: J. L. Mize, J. M. Adkins, P. E. Wyatt, N. A. Butterworth, F. M. Polk.

A motion prevailed to meet at 9 a. m., adjourn at 12; meet at 1 p. m., adjourn at 4 p. m. Heard report of committee on devotion: Bro. J. H. R. Carden to preach at church at 7 p. m., Bro. G. W. Lovell at Liberty, J. A. Glenn at Evergreen, C. J. Pike at Pine

Forest. The appointments were all changed to Saturday at 7 p. m., except that of Brother Carden, who preached at 7 p. m., as requested by the committee. Adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. Saturday.

Convened according to adjournment. After the reading of the 17th chapter of the Gospel of John by the Moderator, spent half an hour in devotional exercises. Called for reports of standing committees.

A motion prevailed to read Sabbath-school report at 9 a. m. Sunday. Report on education was read by P. S. Montgomery. Report on ministerial education was read by G. W. Lovell. Reports were jointly discussed by Brethren P. S. Montgomery, G. W. Lovell, Charlie Lawley, C. J. Pike, J. H. R. Carden, J. P. Smith, J. A. Glenn, J. C. Harris, J. A. Embry. Adjourned for dinner. Convened at 1 p. m. The reports were adopted.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee considers this report among the most important reports, if not the most, that comes before this association for its consideration, for in it is embraced all that in life is worth living for. Talk about good governments in a republican form or any other form, or happy homes with loving fathers and mothers and dutiful and obedient children, or the prosperity of any people in all that is good, and without proper education or training all is a failure. We would here define education to be the proper bringing up as of a child, the proper instruction, to instill into the mind the principles of art, of science, of morals, religion or behavior the training that goes to cultivate the powers and form the character of the individual and of a nation. And thus we see it standing in the front rank of all subjects that may come before this body or our people as a whole. We feel that our people do not fully understand and realize the importance of this subject and the early period in life when it begins. It begins at the mother's breast, and as little as that dear mother may realize it, the first words that fall from her lips when the child begins to understand anything are the first that begins to mould the heart and mind of the child, and of the utmost importance. The first six years of a child's life, sad to say, are regarded by many as of little consideration in the moulding of its life and character and shaping its future destiny. This arises from a want of information and understanding of the nature of the child and the power of first impressions. The childish habits and manners of this period but develop themselves largely into the habits and manners of manhood and womanhood. Add to this six more years and it brings us to twelve, which time soon passes away, almost imperceptibly, and at this age we have outlined before us what the future man or woman will be. The mustard seed is here sown that is to grow, and the leaven that is to leaven the whole lump, and the acorn that is to develop into the tall and sturdy oak. If these principles laid down here be true, and experience and observation confirm them, how diligent, watchful and careful should parents and people be in regard to the early training and education of the children. Intellectual and literary culture without morals and religion is a failure. And hence the necessity of Christian education. It is of the utmost importance that we as Baptists and Christian people look to the moral and religious as well as intellectual literary culture of those to whom we entrust the education of our children. The children who have planted in them the germs of true womanhood and manhood are not always found in the home of the rich and wealthy. No, but we oftener find it in the home of the humble and poor, which may be developed into true greatness. Without proper education, as we have defined it, man is but a brute in human form, and will only be restrained by the strong arm of law. Your committee would

urge the importance of good school houses located in every community, with good and competent teachers, and that parents see that such is the case. Very few of our people are able to send their children from home, and hence the importance of good schools at home or the great mass of our children must go without proper literary training, which is needful in preparing them for the battle of life. We are glad to say that if parents or guardians can send their children or wards from home for a higher grade of schools, we have in Howard College a school that meets all the demands of proper training or Christian education, and also other schools for the proper training of our sons and daughters. What we say to one we say to all: Educate your children in the highest and best manner possible. Your committee would say further that after some thought on the subject that there is not that interest taken in the education of our people in our bounds that there should be. School houses in many localities are very poor and should be better, and that there is not that care taken in the selection of teachers that should be, and too many schools are a failure.

P. S. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.

#### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

It would be needless to present an extended report on a subject so familiar. The time has long since passed when it was necessary to demonstrate the advantages of ministerial training to an individual, to a state or to a denomination. But it might be well to emphasize the special phase of the subject presented to this body. It may indeed be conceded that the prime object of an education is to exercise, to develop and to discipline the mental powers—the only reliable source of spiritual truth. Above all, it is all important that educational training should include earnest and persistent efforts to exclude, to eliminate, or at least to restrain those elements of evil which by the teaching of the Bible belong to our fallen nature. Knowledge is the means, power is the end. The former, when accumulated as it often is, with no strong action of the intellect, no vividness of conception, no depth of conviction, no force of feeling, is of little or no worth to the preacher, the minister, the student of the world, since our ascending Lord has said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Study, then, is one of God's great laws for ministerial life wherever it is cast. There must be labor of learning as well as labor of love. Another and very important feature of this subject is the many advantages we have to educate our ministers. There were twenty theological students at Howard College last year; the institution gives free tuition to all ministerial students and one half of tuition to minister's sons.

The great heart of the Baptist denomination who have fostered these institutions in Alabama is in full sympathy with the work. And we would urge upon the Baptists of this association the importance of coming up liberally to the support of our Ministerial Board at Montgomery. The necessity of an educated ministry is patent to every thinking man.

We must have our ministers abreast with the times. They need to be educated fully—they must be, or we, as a denomination must fall.

GEO. W. LOVELL, Chairman.

Report on state missions was read by J. A. Glenn. Report on home missions was read by C. J. Pike. Report on foreign missions was read by R. M. Alverson. The reports were discussed by Brethren J. A. Glenn, C. J. Pike, J. W. Lawley, G. W. Lovell, S. J. Hare, N. A. Hood, Levi Perry. Reports adopted.

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We are glad to say that the Board of State Mission are pushing their work

with energy, and with some success, as will be learned from the accompanying report of the secretary.

Notwithstanding success has crowned the labors of the board, yet we believe that still greater success would be accomplished if they had the active co-operation of all the associations of the state.

They are in want of means largely because we who are able to do but little are willing to wait and let those more fortunate in this world's goods do what is done, as though we are not responsible according to our ability, as much as they. Brethren let us measure our work by the golden standard.

We may not have noted the fact that state missions is the foundation and support of other mission interests. Statistics show that home and foreign missions have prospered much more under the inspiration given by the state work. The command is to commence at Jerusalem—at home. He who will not work at home is not likely to do much abroad.

We make the state secretary's last annual report a part of our report. The churches have a right to know what is being done.

#### STATISTICAL REPORT OF SECRETARY BAPTIST STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR ONE YEAR

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1, 1895.—The following annual report is published to enable chairmen of committees in the associations to make their reports. The regular report will not be made till November for the convention which meets the 13th of that month in Selma.

<i>Summary of Work for the Year Ending July 1, 1895.</i>	<i>Receipts for year ending Jan. 30, 1895.</i>
Number of men employed.....10	State missions of this an't. \$300.48
of these 13 were Missionary Colporters.....15,011	included from Baptist S. S. Board
Days of service.....30,461	Nashville.....\$ 7,148.86
Miles traveled.....30,461	Church building.....3.01
Sermons delivered.....2,332	Judson debt.....110.00
Addresses made.....1,152	Bible and Colportage.....3,083.4
Churches constituted.....1	Children's Day.....128.4
Number of persons baptised.....277	Centennial missions.....6.00
Baptised by others.....230	Ministerial education.....1,097.42
Received by letter.....555	Orphanage.....372.92
Restored.....42	H. At field.....54.95
Sunday Schools organized.....13	Church building, El Paso church.....67.75
Ladies' Missionary Societies organized.....10	Para Cova.....58.50
Prayer meetings organized.....191	Cuban missions.....7.50
Prayer meetings held.....639	Indian missions.....5.72
Number of visits to preaching stations.....1,001	Cuban missions, Girl.....9.00
Number of churches visited.....613	Home missions.....3,341.1
Number of visits made.....7,127	African missions.....4.70
Subscribers to the Alabama Baptist secured, 287	Mexican Girl.....15.00
Pages of tracts distributed.....23,566	Miss Kelly.....318.75
Meeting houses commenced.....7	Calebra Inst.....51.00
Meeting houses finished.....8	Sunbeam missionary.....52.25
Money collected for meeting houses.....\$177.90	Birmingham missionary.....138.31
Money collected for missions.....\$1,575.27	Foreign missions.....3,828.50
Money collected for ministerial education.....\$15.50	China missions.....118.55
Money collected for orphans' home.....\$92.50	North China missions.....20.00
Money col. for Bible & Colportage B'd.....\$42.10	Japan missions.....17.00
Number of books sold.....4,094	Italian missions.....5.00
Value of same.....\$174.82	Foreign missions debt.....588.70
Number of Bibles and Testaments sold.....617	Howard College.....21.45
Value of same.....\$900.83	Aged and infirm ministers.....12.76
No. of Bibles and Testaments donated.....80	Judson Institute.....122.00
Value of same.....\$14.00	Total receipts.....\$19,510.00
Families found destitute of Bible.....10	<i>Book Department.</i>
Nineteen young preachers helped in Howard College and six in the Seminary.	Total Receipts from "Contributors"
<i>Comparative statement for five years.</i>	From churches.....\$325.49
1890. For State Mis. \$8,795 All purposes \$20,265	" A. B. P. S., Bib. & T's.....150.00
1891. " " " 8,255 " " 19,280	" B. S. S. B'd. same.....25,008.50
1892. " " " 7,617 " " 19,197	Total sales.....25,352.51
1893. " " " 8,788 " " 21,414	
1894. Short year -only 8 months.	
1895. For State Mis. \$7,748 All purposes 19,510	

We recommend:

1st. That the Cahaba Valley Association continue to cooperate with the

State Mission Board and that they try to raise the amount they have asked of us for the enterprise fostered by our denomination.

2nd. That in order to facilitate the work that the Executive Committee of last year be and is hereby appointed for the incoming year.

3rd. That said committee be requested to meet and divide said amount asked for by the state board between the churches composing this body according to their several abilities and that each church be earnestly requested to raise the amount asked of them by said committee, and that the committee have their apportionment printed in the minutes—so that each charge may know what is expected of them. Respectfully submitted.

J. A. GLENN, Chairman.

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We your committee on home missions beg leave to report the following:

The home missionary field embraces the territory of the Southern Baptist convention and Cuba but seemingly we as an association do not realize the importance of the work therein. Brethren, thousands of foreigners are yearly coming into this territory with their vices and thousands more are becoming accountable, all needing the enlightening influence of the Gospel of Christ. Shall we help to give it to them?

The treasurer of the home mission board received last year for mission work \$67,138.89 of which sum Alabama paid \$5,818.69. This sum has been paid to missionaries for labor performed in the home field and doubtless great good has been accomplished thereby. With increased means greater good could be accomplished, therefore we would urge that some plan be adopted in the Cahaba Valley Association by which funds can be raised to supply the home mission work, since it is said that it is more blessed to give than to receive. All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. J. PIKE, Chairman.

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, the committee on foreign missions beg leave to submit the following:

In the year 1895 nearly 51 years ago, the Southern Baptist convention was organized at Augusta, Ga. Then and there the spirit of the Master was with them our foreign mission board was organized. Since that time we have sent out 310 missionaries and contributed to the work \$1,914,800. We now have missionaries in China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Japan.

Brethren let us pause for a moment amidst the conflicts of life and indulge ourselves in a short retrospection. How many of us have ever realized the great blessings our master gave us when he left us a wide wide field of work to be accomplished in his name, and, realize the blessing have been grateful enough to fall on our blessed knees and with soul overflowing with love and gratitude thank our all wise and Beloved Ruler that "there's a work for you and a work for me."

The day has come when we more than ever need to realize that this is God's work, that he is the author of it, that he gave it to us, and that working with Him and for Him we CANNOT fail. Great difficulties are before us and some times the way may seem dark and gloomy, sometimes we may almost despair, but let us remember that the darkest hour is just before the dawning and trusting Our Savior we will surely have our eyes opened to a beautiful and clear morning. He is ever with us a bright and blissful comfort in our soul's darkest hours.

The pastors must be thoroughly missionary to influence churches for missionaries and in so influencing them bring their souls into a closer more worshipful communion with God. If they are indifferent or afraid, little may be accomplished, while, on the other hand, should they be earnest and zealous workers, much and lasting good may be done. Such pastors need three things: 1, Convictions of God's truth; 2, Courage to



speak the truth; 3, Consecration to earnestly, lovingly, patiently press the truth until he "brings things to pass"—and unless he does bring things to pass it is a self-evident fact that he has not these three necessary qualifications. One of our chief troubles today is that too many of our preachers fail to weave foreign missions into their sermons, giving little or no information in regard to the work. The contributions for last year were \$130,000. Of all the funds received at Richmond, 92 cents on the dollar went to the missionaries, only 8 cents on the dollar being used for all expenses here. Let us work and pray for the salvation of the poor benighted souls beyond the seas. Respectfully submitted.

R. M. ALVERSON, Chairman.

Report on temperance was read by J. W. Lawley. Discussed by brethren J. W. Lawley, C. J. Pike, J. H. R. Carden, N. A. Flood, P. S. Montgomery. Report adopted.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is a moral virtue that claims the attention of everyone who regard the health of mind, body or spirit. The apostle, Paul, exhorts to temperance in all things. If it is true that we cannot be healthy unless we are temperate, it is therefore of the utmost importance that we be temperate in all things from the fact that we are incapacitated for the amount of good we might otherwise accomplish. Furthermore, we are responsible for the use we make of these bodies. "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit?" "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, wholly acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." We all know how much better and how much more we can do while in perfect health.

Laying aside constitutional vigor, perhaps nothing affects our general health so much as temperate habits. Then, if so much depends on health, and health depends so largely on temperate habits, how important that we begin at the right time and in the right manner to be temperate; and this brings us to the central thought in this report. It is our opinion that a great many of the existing evils of intemperance are brought about by the ignorance and carelessness of parents in permitting their children to gratify intemperate desires. It appears to us that in the family circle is the place to strike at the root of this evil. Intemperance, brethren, is one of the consequent evils of the "fall," and is here to stay. Prohibition may prohibit, but what lasting good will it do while parents persist in feeding the flames by yielding to every fancy of the rising generation? The time has come when parents try, even against their better judgment, to gratify every wish of their children. Many are actually afraid to say or do anything incompatible with the notions of the "darling boy," and, instead of controlling him, he virtually controls them. Is it not true that mothers sometimes, in the name of medicine prescribed by the family physician, cultivate in the infant she holds so dear to her bosom a taste for alcohol? Is it not true that the child has all of whatever it wants to eat? Is it not true that the boy, at a very early age, is permitted to spend his dimes for cigarettes packed with obscene pictures that are calculated to destroy every moral sentiment? Is it not true that the young man stays away from home at nights when none of the family can tell where; and, if he chooses, he visits the drinking saloon and his parents dare not say a word to him about his conduct, for he may leave home and get away from all restraint? They dare not now assert their right to control. Alas! it is too late! Having started wrong, he is let alone to pursue his own way, and his way is not God's way, but the way that leads to destruction. We believe that if future generations are to be temperate in all things they must be taught it from the cradle. Parents must command absolute obedience, but what can be done with those parents who do not care?

This brings us to another question—a legal question—that of Prohibition.

We know that where such laws have been enforced much good has been the result, but, brethren, what are we doing in that direction? Let us consider and arise to our duty.

Again, intemperance of drink is not all. Look at the use of tobacco among our members. We wish to give seven reasons for not using tobacco: 1st, it is expensive. Five cents a day with the interest in 25 years amounts to more than one thousand dollars. Some church members pay more for tobacco than for religion. 2nd, it is filthy; it defiles the floor, sidewalk and atmosphere. What decent man would marry a tobacco using woman? Moody, when asked, "Can a Christian use tobacco?" replied: "Yes, a nasty Christian." 3rd, it is injurious. The oil of tobacco is a deadly poison. Tobacco causes apoplexy, cancer, debility, epilepsy, insanity and paralysis. It benumbs the moral nature. 4th, it is slavish. How despotic the habit becomes! A match for alcohol or opium. "Sir," said one to another, "do you use tobacco?" "No sir," was the reply, "tobacco uses me." 5th, it tends to ruin. Most drunkard's use tobacco. The pathway to the drunkard's grave and the drunkard's hell is strewn with tobacco leaves. The Indian wants "rum, tobacco, more rum." 6th, it wastes the soil. Raising wheat, corn and fruit is easier, far more useful, less exhausting to the soil and a much healthier occupation. 7th, it is selfish. Many a father punishes his boy for doing what he does himself. It is often a sin against posterity. Must I breathe the tobacco polluted air?

Again, intemperance of speech. Dear brethren, let us guard against the using of improper speech that we may prove ourselves upright before others.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LAWLEY, Chairman.

A motion to suspend the regular order of business prevailed. A motion prevailed to continue the executive, also the report of executive committee was adopted.

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Association at its session held in Sept., 1894, agreed to raise during the ensuing associational year the following sums of money for the following named purposes; and directed the executive committee of the body to apportion the same among the several churches within our bounds, viz:

For Missions.....	\$100.00
For Ministerial Education.....	150.00
For Colportage.....	100.00
Total.....	\$350.00

And we have made the following apportionment of said sum among such churches, viz:

Ashville.....	\$50.00	Shiloh.....	3.00	Rock Springs.....	10.00
Bethel.....	10.00	Trinity, Shelby county..	3.00	Union, St. Clair county..	3.00
Sulphur Springs.....	5.00	Eden, Jefferson county...	5.00	Cane Creek, St. Clair co..	5.00
Friendship.....	15.00	Cool Spring.....	12.00	New Hope, Jefferson co..	4.00
Union Springs.....	5.00	New Lebanon, St. Clair co.	5.00	Mount Pleasant.....	10.00
Cedar Grove.....	6.00	Providence.....	5.00	Coal City.....	15.00
Pleasant Grove, Shelby co.	5.00	Hopewell.....	15.00	Beulah.....	15.00
Reeves Grove.....	12.00	Cooks Springs.....	10.00	Pine Forest.....	10.00
New Prospect.....	10.00	Mt. Pisgah.....	10.00	Gum Springs.....	20.00
Bethany.....	5.00	New Hope, St. Clair co.,	30.00	Pleasant Sit.....	3.00

The churches not above named members of this body are apportioned each \$3.00. The members in making their contributions will say for what purpose the same are made. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN W. INZER,

N. A. HOOD,

JAMES A. EMBRY,

GEORGE W. DAUGHDRILL,

JOHN W. RAMSEY.

A motion prevailed to pay R. W. Inzer the sum of \$25 for services rendered—this amount to be paid out of the mission fund not otherwise specified. Heard the report of the committee on nominations in regular order. Report adopted after some amendments.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on nominations, nominate Beulah church, at Sterrett, on the C. V. Rr., for the next session of the association, to commence on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September, at 10 o'clock. J. C. Harris to preach the Introductory Sermon—J. W. Lawley, alternate. J. S. E. Robinson to preach the Missionary Sermon—G. W. Lovell, alternate. J. A. Glean to the Southern Baptist Convention.

J. M. ADKINS, Chairman.

Called for report of committee on state of religion and its wants. The reading of the report was postponed until 9 a. m. Sunday. Report on documents was read by J. C. Harris. Discussed by brethren J. C. Harris, W. E. Lovell, J. H. R. Carden, N. A. Hood. Report adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your committee on documents, report the following: 1. We recommend that our people subscribe for the Alabama Baptist. It will give much needed information as to the workings of our people throughout the state. 2. We would recommend that our people use in their Sunday School the Kind-Word series strictly, published at Nashville, Tennessee, under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. HARRIS.

Committee on finance reported. The report adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on finance, beg leave to submit the following report: For minutes \$30.13; for home missions \$2.77; for foreign missions \$12.71. Ashville church has paid in to the various boards during this associational year: For state missions \$5.85; for home missions \$6.31; for foreign missions \$6.31; for ministerial education \$10.00.

Cash on hand \$11.46

A. A. HODGES, Chairman.

#### AMOUNTS FOR MINUTES, MISSIONS, ETC.

FOR MINUTES.—Ashville \$2.50, Bethel \$1.50, Bethany .40, Beulah \$1.85, Cedar Grove \$1.50, Cane Creek .50, Coal City .50, Cook Springs \$1.00, Cool Springs \$1.00, Eden .50, Friendship \$1.50, Greensport .75, Gum Springs \$1.00, Harmony — Hebron \$1.40, Hopewell \$1.00, Mt. Castle — Mt. Pisgah \$2.00, Mt. Pleasant \$1.40, New Hope \$2.00, New Lebanon .70, New Prospect .90, Pine Forest \$1.00, Pleasant Grove — Pleasant Site .66, Pleasant Grove Shelby \$1.50, Providence — Rock Springs .75, Reeves Grove \$1.15, Sand Ridge — Shiloh .50, Sulphur Springs .55, Trinity .80, Union .25, Union Springs \$1.00.

FOR STATE MISSIONS.—Ashville \$5.85, New Hope (vouchers) \$3.30.

FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Ashville \$6.31, Coal City \$1.00, Cool Springs .70, Greensport \$1.25, Mt. Pleasant .25, New Hope (voucher) \$21.05, Reeves Grove \$6.51.

FOR HOME MISSIONS.—Ashville \$6.31, Cook Springs \$1.32, Cool Springs .30, Hebron .65, Mt. Pleasant .56.

FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.—Ashville \$10.00.

A motion prevailed to have Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum printed in the minutes. A motion carried to have a committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions of respect in reference to the death of brethren R. W. Inzer and R. H. Ramsay. Committee: N. A. Hood, J. C. Harris and P. S. Montgomery. A collection was taken for the benefit of Elder J. H. R. Carden. Collection amounted to \$10.

Report of committee on devotion.—J. C. Harris to preach at this place at 7 p. m. G. W. Lovell at Liberty at 7 p. m. J. A. Glenn at Evergreen and C. J. Pike at Pine Forest at 7 p. m.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. Sunday.

Met at 9 a. m. Sunday. After reading the 14th and 15th Psalms by the Moderator, a half hour was spent in devotional exercise. A motion prevailed that the regular order of business be suspended and the report on resolutions be read. The report was read and adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1st; That the clerk be allowed Six Dollars for his services out of the minute fund and that he have as many minutes published with the remainder of the same as possible and distribute the minutes to each church according to the amount paid of said fund.

Resolved, 2nd; That the thanks of this association be and the same are hereby tendered to the members of Friendship church and the citizens of surrounding community for their hospitality and kindness extended to us during the session of this body in their midst.

Resolved, 3; That the thanks of this association are tendered to the Moderator for his faithful performance of his duties and the impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations. And also to the Clerk for his services  
C. J. PIKE.

Whereas, As much more time was needed at this session of the association to attend to the business of the association in deliberation in decency and in order, such as cutting off discussion to a great extent in order that business might be finished in a given time. Therefore

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches composing this association, that in the future they instruct their messengers when elected, to remain with the association until all the work is done in deliberation and in order.  
N. A. HOOD.

The report of the committee on "Religion and Its Wants" was read by N. A. Hood. The report of the committee on Sabbath School, was read by P. S. Montgomery. And said reports were discussed jointly by brethren N. A. Hood, P. S. Montgomery, J. H. R. Carden, W. P. Lovell, J. C. Harris and J. W. Lawley.

At 11 a. m. the association adjourned to hear the "Missionary Sermon," by N. A. Hood. Text: Matthew 28; 19-20. The sermon was delivered in the grove. A collection was taken for missions amounting to \$7.50.

Afternoon—The reports on "Religion and Its Wants" and Sabbath Schools were adopted.

#### REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION AND ITS WANTS.

To the Cahaba Valley Association: The undersigned having been ap-

pointed a committee to make report to this session of the association on the "State of Religion and Its Wants," submit:

1st. That for want of certain information it is not possible to make an intelligent and correct report on this subject, but from such information as we have been able to glean, we are of the opinion, that the state of Religion in our bounds is anything but flattering and is unsatisfactory. There has been but few if any which should be termed genuine revivals in the churches and when the totals are summed up, and the loss and gain taken into account, we are of the opinion that but few if any gains in numbers will be shown since our last report.

The Association is composed of 36 churches and about 2400 members, with such proportions great things might have been expected of so many, and many hundreds should have been baptised into our churches, and general progress felt all along the lines as to contributions, etc. In the main our people seem to be in peace as we have heard of but few troubles in the churches. Many of the pastors are poorly paid for the services they are doing and some of our houses of worship are not as comfortable as they should be, and we fear that many of the time honored principles of Baptists are viewed as belonging to the past and are in many respects neglected and ignored, but as to methods we have them in superabundance and we are led to conclude that the churches do not enjoy that spirituality that has in the past and should now characterize Christians. Some of us seem to fail to realize that all power belongeth to the Lord and that frail mortals are but instruments in the hand of the spirit to do the will of God. In the pulpit, in the prayer meetings, in the Sabbath School, or in the altar with penitents, our work is but mockery in the sight of God, without the spirit. And now as to our wants or needs, many suggestions might be made.

1st. A more kind and brotherly feeling is needed among our ministry of the association for in some instances we fear this does not exist; "Bear one anothers burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ," should be the motto of the preachers, that they may be in truth, "laborers together with God."

2nd. We fear that in some respects there is a want of that brotherly, charitable feeling among all the brethren that should characterize the children of God, belonging to the family of God.

3rd. As we well know that Baptist success depends upon the faithful teaching of our principles, we earnestly recommend to the churches that they retain no man in their pastorate who will not faithfully and fearlessly preach Baptist doctrines without compromise; which we believe to be Bible doctrines; for one of the great needs just now with our people is to be indoctrinated in our principles.

4th. The churches should be more liberal in supporting the ministry, who are giving so much of their time to preaching the Gospel.

5th. Our houses of worship should be made more comfortable by being well supplied with stoves, fuel, etc.

6th. A more self-sacrificing spirit is wanted in the denomination and our people should be induced to practice greater liberality so that our denominational enterprises would be more liberally and abundantly sustained, so that we would be one people united in faith and works.

7th. And finally we need a more spiritually minded, consecrated ministry. We need more consecrated men and women in the churches and more Godly lives among the walks of men: men who will preach the truth and men who will live the truth. A faith rooted and grounded in truth, possessing the spirit of Christ. Lives that shine in darkness; walks, the tread of which will shake the foundation of sin.

N. A. HOOD, Chairman.

## REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to submit their report on this important church work.

The time in the history of our denomination for making an argument from a Scriptural standpoint in favor of organizing and sustaining Sunday Schools has certainly passed. It seems to us that every Christian in the land should favor and foster these schools. The benefit to the church arising from the Sunday School work is incalculable. The main question now is as to the best manner of conducting the work so as to bring about the greatest amount of good to the church and country in which we live.

In our judgment the Sunday School work is one of the church, and should be under the control of the church. A Sunday School should be organized in every church in our association, and should have for their prime object, the advancement of Christ's Kingdom on Earth. In some localities where a church is not easy of access, it would be well for brethren to get together, and establish a school.

The officers and teachers in our schools should be Ministers and members of the church. A well conducted school has a fine moralizing and christianizing influence upon the children and upon all who attend.

The Superintendent and teachers should ever be willing to make a sacrifice to attend regularly their school. By the grace of God they should consecrate themselves to the work. Their punctual attention and interest manifested, will stimulate the children; let the parents assist the children in the study of the lesson, and in encouraging them to attend school and where they can always go with them.

Where-ever as many as a dozen children can be brought together they should be organized into a Baptist school. Where a Baptist school can not be sustained, then your committee recommend the organization of union schools, and not till then.

In our Sunday Schools God's Word should be taught, the Bible should be read, and its precious truths should be impressed on the minds of the children every Sunday. We boast of living in a land of Bibles. What are these books worth if the truths therein are not taught to our children?

We recommend the use of our Sunday School literature published by the BARRIST at Nashville Tennessee; your committee also recommends that the children be taught to love respect and obey human laws. We live in a land of law, in a government ruled and controlled by law, and if we expect this good government to continue we must impress the minds of the children early in life to love and obey all laws. Christ so taught while upon earth. Bring the children up in the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it. Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED A. HODGES, Chairman.

The report of the committee on resolutions of respect to R. W. Inzer was read by P. S. Montgomery and by motion the same was adopted.

## RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT TO REV. R. W. INZER.

It is with sadness that we record the death of our dear Bro. Rev R. W. Inzer which took place Sept 2, 1895, near Lanask P. O., Bradley Co., Ark. Bro. Inzer preached in this section of the country for about 35 years and was a member of this association most of the time from its organization and was one of the most faithful preachers of our body. And we suppose there are but few churches in our bounds that our Bro. has not preached in. Bro. Inzer has been preaching for more than 40 years and fell like a martyr; he died at his post; Bro. Inzer was born in the state of Ga. in 1827 and was 68 years of age. He leaves behind a wife and a large family to mourn their loss in his death.

1. Resolved that in the death of our dear Bro. the denomination has lost a faithful and efficient minister and the church of God a steadfast and faithful member.

2. Resolved that this association mourn the loss and deeply sympathises with the bereaved family and relatives.

3. Resolved that these resolutions be printed in our minutes and a copy be sent to the family.

P. S. MONTGOMERY,

N. A. HOOD,

C. J. PIKE,

Committee.

By motion the correction and completion of the minutes was entrusted to the clerk. By a motion to reconsider a resolution, the clerk was allowed \$8.00 for his services. A motion to adjourn; and after singing the old hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," and a hearty hand-shake, the association adjourned to meet with Benlah church, at Sterrett, Shelby county, on C. W. Rr., on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September, at 10 o'clock a. m. Thus closed the association with the sentiments, peace on earth and good will to men.

J. S. E. ROBINSON, MODERATOR.

G. W. LOVELL, Clerk.

## **RULES OF DECORUM.**

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of order, and shall have a right to call to order at any time. It shall be his duty also, to see that the Rules of Decorum are strictly observed; to take the opinion of the Association on all questions properly brought before the body; and any member not satisfied with his decision, on any point of order, may appeal to the Association, on the day of the decision, but at no other time.
3. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a record of the transactions of the Association.
4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all moneys belonging to the Association, according to its directions.
5. But one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator, using the appellation of "brother" in all discussions.
6. The Moderator, when addressed for leave of speech, shall signify the same by naming the brother, or otherwise.
7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject or use words or personal reflection—except it be to obtain order for a particular purpose.
8. Any motion made and seconded shall come under consideration, except withdrawn by him who made it.
9. The Moderator, after allowing time for debate, shall take the voice of the Association on questions that have been brought before it; and, if need be, by a rising vote.
10. When any question has been brought before the body, it must first be disposed of before any other question can be taken up.
11. No member shall depart during the service of the Association without leave.
12. The roll shall be called as often as may be expedient.
13. No person shall be indulged in any practice that may cause interruption, or dishonor the Association.
14. The Moderator shall be allowed the privilege of debate, provided he appoint some other member to fill his seat while speaking; but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided, and then he shall give the casting vote.
15. No member of this body shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject, unless to explain, without first obtaining leave of the Association.
16. Any member violating these rules shall be called to order by the Moderator, or be reprov'd at the discretion of the Association, but only on the day the breach is made.



## **ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.**

- ART. 1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, three in one.
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word and the one true rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of the depravity of human nature, of man's inability to recover himself from his fallen condition by his own free will and holiness.
4. We believe in the doctrine of election according to the foreknowledge of God through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.
5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the merits of Jesus Christ and that good works are the eternal evidences of the Christian's justified state.
6. We believe that the saints shall persevere through grace, being kept by the power of God through salvation and not finally fall away.
7. We believe the church of Christ to be a congregation of baptized believers scripturally organized for the maintenance of the worship of God and the ordinances and duties of His house.
8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ to be kept up by his church until his second coming and that true believers are the only Scriptural subjects of Baptism and that immersion only is Baptism and that none but baptized believers have a right to the Lord's Supper.
9. We believe in a divine call to the ministry and that no man has a right to administer the ordinances of the church only such or has been called of God, regularly baptized, approved by the church, come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery.
10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.
11. We believe that the joy of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

# STATISTICS OF CAHABA VALLEY ASSOCIATION. 1895.

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